

MINUTES OF THE WOODSIDE TOWN MEETING
NOVEMBER 13, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. by Mayor Mike Warren. There were six (6) residents attending along with Mayor Mike Warren, Secretary Brenda Richards and Council person, Jim Carpenter. Treasurer, Stephanie Holyfield and Council person, Diane Crom, were absent. However, a quorum of the council was in attendance. A written agenda was handed out along with a Summary of Recommendations and Actions, and an explanation of the importance and necessity for the Comprehensive Land Use Plan.

Brenda Richards, Secretary, summarized the minutes of the last town meeting. There were no comments or changes made to the minutes.

Mike turned the meeting over to Brenda, who reviewed the handouts. The reaction by the attendees was very positive and the comprehensive land use plan recommendations and actions were acceptable. The attendees were pleased that the main emphasis on the CLP was to keep the small town atmosphere and not to greatly expand the town's boundaries. Brenda read the Resolution to Adopt the CLP, which was acceptable to everyone.

Mike Mobley stated that the one suggestion he would make would be to have to town build a small playground for children, possibly on the back property of the town hall. He felt the town could make it into a kickball field or provide playground equipment. Much discussion centered on the liability, which would be the biggest concern for such a project. The cost of the equipment would also be a consideration. Mr. Mobley said he would even make a donation, if the council decided to pursue this project.

Stephanie did provide a treasurer's report, even though she was absent. Currently, the checking account balance is \$24,162.51 and we have a CD valued at \$10,000. The taxes collected so far amount to \$6200. Mike stated that the town has received about \$300 from the DE State Police radar monitoring tickets. The town allotted \$2000 to hire the DSP during September and October. The price of hiring the State Police for the radar monitoring will be going up in January 2019.

Mike stated that the Town Hall is in need of repairs. He recently had to purchase a new refrigerator for the kitchen and noted that we are still having problems with the heating system, which has to run 24 hours/day in the winter to prevent pipes from freezing. Mike stated that the town hall is being rented out almost every Saturday and Sunday. The rental fee will increase to \$125 in January 2019. The town hall rentals are the only thing making money for the town. We have received a bid from a local contractor to do some repairs, such as replacing the kitchen door, installing new locks for that door and the front door, removing the furnace vent and putting a wood floor over it and replacing the counter top on the island in the kitchen. Mike Mobley and other attendees agreed that the town hall was an important asset to the town and that the repairs were necessary and advised the council to do whatever was needed to maintain our town hall. Mike Warren will contact the contractor and give him the go-ahead to complete the work agreed on. (See contract)

Brenda Richards stated that she and her husband attended a meeting by Chesapeake Natural Gas on October 17th, where they were given an update on the plans for the new gas line that will be coming through Woodside. The new gas line will be placed on the western side of the railroad tracks and will mostly affect the property of the Christian Community Church on Main Street. Trees and shrubbery along the tracks and in the easement will be cut down and replaced if deemed necessary.

Mike Warren provided an update on the plans for the street paving/sidewalk projects. It has been decided to have the sidewalks only on one side of Main Street and the “dead space” where no parking is currently allowed will be utilized for the sidewalks so the width of the road will not be impacted. Rene Valladares is concerned about the tractor trailers that are turning from Dundee Road onto Main Street; they frequently end up driving up onto the Masten’s yard. Mike stated that they are still working on this TAP project and everything will be considered, including the frequent yard sales along Main Street and people having to park on the curbs. The town will owe 20% of the cost, but we already have \$15,000 earmarked by the legislators for this project. It was thought that with the sidewalks along the road, the road will give the allusion of being narrower and hopefully will slow down traffic. The flashing speed limit sign on Main Street has stopped working and was recently picked up by DelDot for repair or replacement.

Mike Warren has talked with the Viola Mayor about possibly sharing their small police force of two officers. Viola owns a police car and has been grandfathered in to having a police precinct as they had one in the past. She will discuss the idea of sharing their police with the Viola Council and get back to Mike. Currently we have no means of enforcing our ordinances, so we need to check out all options available. Jimmy Porter stated that one of his neighbors, Frank, does not have a permit for the carport on his property and that should be looked in to.

Discussion centered on parking issues as the town has minimal parking available since DelDot put signs up along the Main Street. The question was asked if we could use the easement by the railroad track. The answer is NO. Rene Valladares is concerned about parking for Yard Sales along Main Street. It was suggested that the Methodist Church could be consulted about utilizing their parking lot of days church is not in session.

Mike stated that he has learned that DNREC is changing the rules on septic systems. When he sold his property to the Christian Community Church, the distance for the septic from the building was 138 feet – now it has changed to 150 feet. The church was required to move the septic system, which cost them \$12,000 to fix!

There being no further business, other than the signing of the Resolution, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Minutes taken by Brenda Richards, Secretary